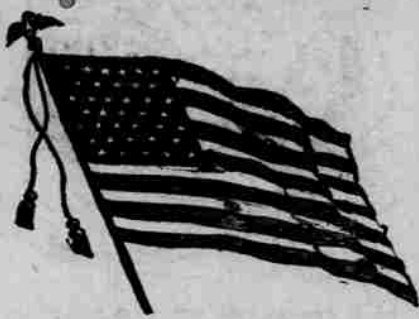


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For District Clerk, W. B. LUCAS.
For Probate Judge, W. P. FEDER.
For County Printer, D. T. SHATTUCK.
For Commissioner, S. S. SHATTUCK.

Notice to Committeemen.

A meeting of the Democratic County Central Committee, for Barton County, is hereby called, to be held at the office of James W. Clarke, Great Bend, Saturday, August 4th, 1900, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of preparing for the fall campaign. All members of the committee, and the county candidates, are urged to be present.

L. C. BREEDEN, Chm.
WILL E. STOKES, Sec.

FOR BRYAN AND BREIDENTHAL.

Andy Felt Believes the Motto: "In God We Trust."

One of the political surprises of the year is in the announcement made by ex-Lieutenant Governor A. J. Felt, chairman of the Nemaha Republican committee, of his purpose to support Bryan, Breidenthal and the fusionists in the Kansas campaign.

The announcement of such intention is made in a letter which Mr. Felt wrote to John W. Breidenthal, as follows:

Seneca, Kan., July 28, 1900.
John W. Breidenthal,
Topeka, Kans.

Accept my sincere and hearty congratulations upon your nomination. You and Judge Martin have proven that in Kansas at least, "the office seeks the man." I have this day tendered my resignation as chairman of the Republican county central committee of Nemaha county, because I am a Republican, still believing in American independence, as when I voted for Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Blaine and Harrison, and because in this campaign, my duty as a citizen leads me to cast my ballot for Americans who still believe that the legend upon the dollar "In God we Trust" is a more noble ideal than the new Mark Hanna version, "In the trusts we find our Gods." Hoping for your success in November and assuring you of my high personal regard, I am, truly yours,

(signed) A. J. FELT.

This letter is written upon a Nemaha county Republican committee letter-head which bears this motto:

"Republican and patriotism."

Mr. Felt authorized the publication of this letter.

Our neighbor, the Register, prints a letter from Stanley R. Botts, Co. D. 32d U. S. V., now in the Philippines, in which the writer says, among other things that if the present policy of the McKinley administration continues "it won't be long before they will have to begin drafting for the regular army." Just why the Register did not censor this letter from the Barton county boy we do not understand. His statement is the plain, unvarnished fact, and everybody of any amount of good common sense knows that volunteers can not be obtained

in sufficient number to maintain a large standing army whose object is imperialism and compulsory expansion. And when men will not volunteer in the service for the small pittance that the small private soldier and non-commissioned officers receive, then the draft will have to be resorted to and the young men of the land COMPELLED to do military service. Try to keep this in the background as much as they can, compulsory military service is sure to come if McKinley is re-elected and the Hanna idea of commercialism is carried out.

REPUBLICANS should remember that old-time store-keepers' sign which read: "Trust and bust."

THE traveling men have an anti-trust league numbering 30,000 men. Many of them, who marched for McKinley in 1896, are walking the streets now.

AN AGREEMENT between the democrat and populist candidates for congress in the 6th district has been practically reached, and by the middle of August there will be but one candidate of the allied forces opposing the republican boxers. It is earnestly hoped that soon the same can be said of the big 7th.

NOW THAT the prices on iron have been started on the toboggan slide, the iron trust is closing down every blast furnace in the land—throwing thousands of iron workers out of employment thereby. But by stopping production the trust will start prices upwards again. O, these McKinley pampered trusts are grand things are they not?

JUSTICE David J. Brewer a republican appointed to the United States Court from Kansas writes as follows in the New York World: The Caesars saw the spears of their victorious legions in the sunlight of every known land, and in their triumphant return they brought the accumulated wealth of all the nations they had subdued. The splendor of imperial Rome outshone the world, but the wealth thus obtained without value undermined the empire and the glory of Rome is simply a memory. Napoleon beheld the shining star of destiny; and then? Does human nature change the centuries? We stand today facing the temptation which comes from the possibility of rapidly accumulated wealth. What right have we to anticipate that the same result will not follow if we pursue the same course of taking what we have not fully earned.

THE young man who casts his first vote this year should study well the issues involved, before doing so. He should recall to mind all he has studied in his recent school days concerning the principles upon which this government is founded, and should remember that this government has grown great and powerful by a strict adherence to, and a faithful carrying out of the foundation principles laid down in the Declaration of Independence. He should also study carefully the platforms (which are concise statements of what each party proposes to do if successful) of the two great parties, the democratic and republican parties. He should post himself as to the character and public actions of the two leading opponents for presidency, and decide for himself which of the two platforms and the two men more truly represent the honest, safe and undying principles for which our forefathers fought; which have caused this nation to become great; which have at all times and in all climes, so long as honestly adhered to, compelled the deference of all nations and stood as the very foundation of human freedom. He should ask himself: Which is the safest—the Republic or the Empire? Which is the most truly American—peaceful expansion on our own continent, among our own race of people, or forcible expansion in foreign lands and among a people with whom we can never hope to meet in full citizenship? The democratic party has no fear of any man who seriously and honestly studies these questions and casts his vote as all enlightened people should—for Home, Country, and Native Land.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL COMMENT.

And it rained, Saturday night.

C. Bock was up to Great Bend, on business Monday.

Coroner Koch was over from Holsington, Saturday.

See the Walnut Creek Mill's offer of \$1 a bushel for wheat.

Eleric Cole is working for I. W. Pursel, south of the river.

A. L. Miller and son are putting up a building at Heizer, this week.

The alfalfa hay crop is going to be short, in this neck o' the woods.

Fred Keizer has resigned his position at Lundblad & Bollingers.

Miss Grace Groves, of LaCrosse, has been visiting with Miss Vida Shaw.

Miss Edith Rush has secured the school in the Dodge district, north of town.

The band, on Monday night, filled the second of its ice cream engagements.

Coss & Reinecke, the Heizer merchants, are having a new store room erected.

What is "high living"? You'll find it at McCullough's short order restaurant.

The new, Farmers' Elevator, is now enclosed, and will soon be ready for business.

Mrs. W. H. Brinkman, of Larned, is visiting with relatives in Great Bend this week.

Prof. Warren Baker and family are spending a month with relatives at Dodge City.

Geo. Valerius, of Holsington, was dangerously ill last week, but is now on the improve.

Miss Anna Heart returned home from a several months visit in Oklahoma, Saturday.

Lundblad & Bollinger have leased the west room in the opera building, for a store room.

Miss Maude Nelson, of Kinsley, visited with D. H. Halliday's family the first of this week.

Police Judge Ogil has moved his office into the rooms over the J. V. Brinkman Co. Bank.

Miss Melbie Morgan returned, the first of the week, from her visit to Emporia and Florence.

Miss Nora Frothingham, of Ness City, is stopping with the family of S. A. Shepard, the photographer.

Miss Daisy Benedict started Tuesday morning for Medicine Lodge, where she will visit old friends.

Mrs. C. F. Wimmer and daughter Nellie arrived in the city Sunday, on a visit with Mrs. Pauline Brinkman.

Charles Phillips and John W. McCauley were north side men transacting business in Great Bend, Tuesday.

Miss Flora E. Poole, the handsome and successful representative of the Topeka Breeze was in the city last week.

Saturday being a bad night, for the church people, they held their ice cream social Monday night, in the park.

Democratic committeemen should remember the meeting of the central committee, Saturday afternoon, August 4th.

Mrs. J. H. Norris returned from Wisconsin where she has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Farrell, in Milwaukee.

Mrs. M. Rader, an aged and prominent citizen of Ellinwood, died on Sunday the 29th. The funeral was held Monday at 10 a. m.

Prof. Hennessey is home again, from his teaching tour, and will be out among the people in the interests of Bryan and Breidenthal.

A most delightful party was enjoyed by a number of the friends and neighbors of Don D. Dodge's, at the Dodge home Tuesday evening of this week.

It is reported that Great Bend is to have a daily paper, with Frank Brown, late of the Tribune office, as publisher. The paper to issue from the Register office.

It is now "after threshing" with a good many of our readers. We have been "staving off" a whole lot of little matters until "after threshing" and now they begin to call for attention again.

"Some days it looks as if only the homely people were out," remarks the Holsington Dispatch. Never have such days in Great Bend—except when the editor and family are on the street.

Some of the proprietors of the Great Adam Forepaugh and Sells Brothers' aggregation are always with it. This is an absolute guarantee of polite, respectful, and honorable treatment. Saturday, Aug. 11.

Be sure and prepare to exhibit some of your best wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, potatoes, stock butter, cheese, fruits—or anything that will help to show Barton county's production—at the coming county fair.

Ask to see those Sash Locks and Broom Holders—the neatest thing out. You will sure want them.

CHAS. PASEL, Agent.

Killed By Lightning.

DIED:—Benjamin Bowman Bird, second son of Danl. G. and Martha E. Bird, was born December 12, 1887; died July 28, 1900, aged 12 years, 7 months and 15 days. The deceased had taken refuge in his father's large barn during a thunder storm, when a bolt of lightning struck the barn setting it on fire, consuming the barn and contents. His charred remains were found near the entrance door.

Appropriate funeral services were held at the house of his father on Sunday afternoon, July 29, conducted by Rev. Chas. W. Dalby, after which the remains were buried in the Everett Cemetery, attended by a vast concourse of sympathizing friends.

This is indeed a sad death. Mr. Bird was on his way from Great Bend to his home in Clarence township when he learned of his barn being burned that afternoon.

In the barn were two horses, a large quantity of hay, about 800 bushels of corn, harness, and numerous implements and machinery. There was \$500 insurance on the barn. But the money loss is insignificant when one thinks of the terrible fate of the beloved son. The deep sympathy of a large circle of friends goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Bird.

In a Sugar Pan.

Talking about water, the bottom lands in this county will never show as much water as they did in the early seventies, when the whole country was covered with solid buffalo sod, and the water ran off it like rain from a ducks back. Chas. F. Goforth, now traveling out of Wichita in the interests of the new, ball bearing Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine, was living with his grandfather on the Goforth place, just below Squire Dodge's farm on the Walnut, in 1873. He was just a lad and up to all kinds of adventures. After one of the big rains he and John Thielke, another boy, got into a sugar pan—a large pan with wooden sides and sheet iron bottom, in which sorghum juice was boiled down at molasses making time—and with a couple of board for oars, rowed from the Goforth farm on the creek across the bottoms to Great Bend, hitching their improvised boat to the fence at the Odell place just east of the Morrison. The entire wet and dry Walnut Valley was a sea of water. After this flood subsided in the holes and depressions miles away from the creeks were found live fish in plenty; the Dodge boys secured several tubs full from one small pond near their house.

Mr. Goforth and Will and Don Dodge have been enjoying many pleasant hours the past week going over their boyhood experiences of those early days.

"The 1900" Art Studio.

Remodeling of the rooms over the south store room of the New York Store, preparatory to opening "The 1900" Art Studio for general photographic work. Mr. S. A. Shepard, the Forest avenue photographer, finds that he must have more and better accommodations to meet the public demand upon his skill, and is therefore having the Main Street rooms fitted up, and expects to have them open by the middle of the month, or before.

Another Hand Gone.

This time the accident did not occur with a threshing machine. Tuesday morning, about half past seven, D. D. Page got his hand caught in some manner in the engine at Dean's pop factory, and had it mangled so badly that the surgeons had to remove the thumb and three fingers of the left hand, leaving only the little finger remaining.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to publicly express our sincere thanks to the friendly offices of our friends and neighbors on the occasion of the death of our beloved son.

MR. AND MRS. D. G. BIRD.

Wm. Nickerson, colored, an employee at Hotel Greene, is not running any foot races or making any long jumps since Tuesday of this week.

Monday night he got up from bed and walked out of a third story window at the hotel, in his dreams. There was a sudden awakening when he lit on the board sidewalk below feet foremost.

He crashed through the walk, which at that time was not overly strong, and the breaking boards probably saved his life or limbs; as it was, William was considerably jammed up.

Nelson Nickerson has both his hands in bandages, the result of an attack by a vicious dog. He had taken a washing to a neighbor house, when the dog which belonged to another family near by, attacked him and in trying to keep the animal off of him his hands were severely bitten. Possibly the marshall will now see the need of complying with instructions and killing off a few surplus curs.

At Saint John's church Great Bend, Rev. L. G. Morony, pastor. Service Sunday 11 a. m., morning prayer, litany and sermon. The subject of the sermon will be "Root and Flower." The offertory song will be sung by Master Warr-n Durkin. This little boy has a splendid voice and controls it remarkably well for one so young.

During the storm Saturday afternoon a herd of 20 or more horses, in L. B. Coss' pasture bunched around an old family horse, when a bolt of lightning struck and killed the old horse in the center of the bunch, but injured none of the others.

Capt. C. L. Jones was over from Holsington, Wednesday, reporting all quiet in that cold-water (?) town.

Yourselves and Friends are Invited to Attend

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THE CYCLONE, Great Bend, Kans.

A Souvenir Coupon with Every Sale at Our Store Next Week.

During the storm that swept through the west part of the county last Saturday afternoon, lightning struck in the field of Karl Savoy, in Liberty township, and set fire to the stubble. Mr. Savoy was watching for lightning to do some damage, and had his boys ready with some sacks and tubs of water. When they saw the fire start they quickly drove to the place and put it out before it spread much.

Sam Shattuck, of North Homestead, will build him a new residence this fall, where he can take more comfort when off duty as commissioner.

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For the Best Load of Wheat delivered at our Mill in Great Bend between now and October 3d, 1900, the date of opening of the Barton County Fair, we will pay \$1.00 a bushel, conditioned as follows:

The wheat to be settled for on date of delivery at market price; balance to be paid after close of the Fair. A Sample of ONE PECK will be taken from the load and placed in the hands of IRA D. BROUGHER, President of the Fair Association, to be put on EXHIBITION AT THE FAIR, and the sample which is pronounced THE BEST by the Judges of Grain selected by the Fair Association will be paid the difference between \$1.00 per bushel and the amount previously paid.

Wheat must be just as it comes from the machine—no extra cleaning. Each contestant will be required to give the following information concerning the wheat entered:

Kind of Soil.	Whether pastured or not.
How ground was prepared.	Date of cutting.
Date of seeding.	Date of threshing.
Kind of seed.	No. of bushels per acre yield.
Amount of seed to acre.	No. of acres in field.

The object of above proposition is to secure extra good samples to put on exhibition at the Fair, and to obtain all the information possible as to the best manner of raising wheat.

THE RESULT of the contest, with a report of the different methods of production, will be published in the DEMOCRAT after the awards are made.

WALNUT CREEK MILLING CO.

Mrs. Celia Springer will have a sale of stock and farm machinery, at her place south-west of Holsington, on Friday, August 10th. See bills for list of articles, and remember that the DEMOCRAT office does all kinds of printing for sales, etc.

Fall plowing is the order of the day. Preparations are going on for a larger acreage of wheat to go in, in Barton county, than last year.

Geo. Hart, just south of the river bridge, is getting material on the ground for a new house.

Forepaugh & Sells Bros. circus combined, at Great Bend—Saturday, August 11th.

P. H. Gorey, up north of Holsington is building a new barn, 48x50 feet.

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